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Issue	Person	Method	Comment
Partisan vs. Non Partisan	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/18 Meeting	Many gray areas with respect to holding a Rockville office and running for partisan office.
	Roald Schrack	7/18 Meeting	Guidelines would be useful.
	Dave Celeste, Board of Supervisors of Elections	7/25 Meeting	Rockville elections were specifically held in non-presidential race years because of the non-partisan aspect of the election. Repeat for same day as general election.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Concerned about lack of citizen participation and lack of non-partisan groups of people within the City such as Alliance for Rockville Citizens or Citizens for Good Government, which in the past have served as breeding grounds for people interested in the City's elective offices.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of the National League of Cities & Bill Hansell, President of the International City and County Management Association	9/12 Meeting	Non-partisan voting was generally the way that municipalities of Rockville's size are organized.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	Charter Review should look closely at the definition and application of non-partisanship; believes it is Rockville's strength and should not be tampered with.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	9/19 Testimony	Said that the City is a non-partisan local government by a city charter and does not want the candidates to bring partisan issues in the city.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	In favor of continuing to be nonpartisan.
	Sidney Gottlieb	9/19 Testimony	In favor of non-partisan.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	All attempts to diminish the separation of city and partisan politics should be rejected.
Compensation	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/25 Meeting	Most people run and feel the system in place works well. Compensation Commission reviews M& C stipend every two years and recommends increases, which keeps up with the rate of inflation. Does not think Charter Review commission should spend a lot of time on this issue.

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	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Candidates/officials often do not do run for office for the money. Stated that holding office was a way for her personally to give back to the City. Wondered if the current stipend is keeping away really good people because they cannot afford to consider running for office.
	Charlie Carroccio	8/22 Meeting	Mayor and Council compensation should be kept low, stating that the office of Mayor and Council is primarily “public service” and that should continue to be the main focus, not economic gain. Added that the Mayor and Council could never really be appropriately compensated for the amount of time expended on the job.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Stipend should be small; however, Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), consistent with the Consumer Price Index or that which the City employees receive, should be given every year, instead of every other, as is the current situation.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Agreed with Mr. Harrison and Mr. Coyle that the Mayor and Council is primarily a public service role, but would like to see a COLA every year, rather than an increase every two years as has occurred at the recommendation of the Compensation Commission.
Financial Statements	Charlie Carroccio	8/22 Meeting	Does not feel that the current financial statement really identifies what is important. The real issue is conflict of interest as an elected official, not as a candidate. Would like to see the financial disclosure completed after someone is actually elected to office.
	Ruth Loevinger	8/22 Meeting	Financial disclosure seemed to be rather vague and recalled an issue involving a female candidate and whether or not her disclosure related to the whole family income or just to her income and assets.
	Kenny Reichard	8/22 Meeting	Alluded to subsequent changes that the state has made regarding financial disclosure issues. The new form at the state requires more scrutiny and suggested that if the City used something more like it, City law would be more in keeping with intent of the disclosure.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Believes the form is vague and does not get to the heart of what the City should require. Suggested looking at examples from other jurisdictions. Noted that complete financial disclosure of campaign finances is only required after the election, which does not allow voters to consider this as factor. Suggested that a more strenuous, fully documented disclosure required before the election could inform voters better.

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	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Financial Disclosure form does not get to the heart of the matter.
Form of Government	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Does not see reason to fundamentally change the way the City's government works. Rockville is known for how well its government works, especially compared to from other cities where councils are dysfunctional.
	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Strongly supports council-manager form of government and does not wish to see it changed. Added that citizens of the City really should continue to elect the Mayor separately since Rockville citizens seem to really like having the Mayor as distinct.
	Gerry Holtz	8/8 Meeting	People don't realize that the Manager is the administrator of the City. Seems to be some general misunderstanding on this issue.
	Walt Scheiber	8/8 Meeting	Recommended that the group apply two criteria: 1) The proposed change would make government function more effective and more efficient; and 2) The proposed change result in improvement of policy making by Council, Boards/Commission and high-ranking officials. He said that the Charter Review Commission has the extra responsibility that no other commission of the City has and not to be tempted to produce something just to appease the Council. If changes are not necessary, then don't be embarrassed to say that things are okay.
	Walt Scheiber	8/8 Meeting	Agrees that having the Mayor elected separately is a good thing for Rockville because it provides someone who has extra stature with respect to Council and staff, and it is important for the quality of City government performance.
	Phyllis Marcuccio	8/8 Meeting	Opinion that Rockville needs a strong Mayor and Council to survive development, stating that maybe we need some help to protect our "portrait of paradise" and the City's position as the center of a populous County.
	Walt Scheiber	8/8 Meeting	Current form of Mayor and Council government is strong and encouraged the group to think about and define ways they would like to see it improved.

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	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Opposed to a strong Mayor form of government.
	Bill Hansell, President of the International City and County Management Association	9/12 Meeting	Said that the City of Rockville has a great reputation nationally for effective government and complimented the elected officials and the staff for their professionalism. Rockville is a leader in citizen involvement and participation. At this size, a “strong” mayor form of government may lead to lack of power in the council and diminish the professionalism of the city management. In terms of political leadership, even in a City Manager form of government and regardless of the structure of the council, citizens look to the role of the Mayor for structure and authority.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	Little in our current system is broken. Rockville is keeping step (such as Nov. elections, financial disclosures requirements, recall provisions) with overlapping jurisdictions spells less confusion.
	George Northway	9/19 Testimony	Believes the present electoral processes are working well. Therefore, does not support any of the changes outlined in the commission’s letter. He finds that almost all changes are unnecessary.
	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	9/19 Testimony	Strongly believes in the council manager form of government where the city manager runs the city day to day and the Mayor and Council focus on policy issues.
	Harry Thomas	9/19 Testimony	Does not agree with the City’s form of government.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	9/19 Testimony	The City is recognized as one of the best-run local governments across the U.S. The City is really the corporate model of governance, so he urges not to change the current Mayor and Council system.
	Helen Hillstrom	9/19 Testimony	Agrees with the city manager form of government, but suggests that the City continue education for the people who run our city government.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	In favor of keeping the council-mayor form of government; believes that the city manager should be reviewed by the Mayor and Council, but the day-to-day operation should be by full-time staff.

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	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	In favor of current form of government retained, no merit in changing.
	David Seldin, King Farm Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	In favor of current form of government retained.
	Stan Klein	9/19 Testimony	In favor of the current form of government retained.
	Martin Heilman	9/19 Testimony	Thinks that the City should explore the possibilities or evaluate the conditions to enter into the bond market in its own name. (Note: Unrelated issues the City does this)
	Helen Heneghan, former City Clerk	9/26 Fax	Present form of government with full time professional City Manager seems to be the most efficient.
	Martin Trusty	10/14 Letter	Strongly supports the City of Rockville administration.
Lengths of Terms	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/25 Meeting	Conducting elections every two years is quite onerous, not only for candidates, but also for staff. Most Mayor and Councilmembers have professional full time jobs. Running for office every other year becomes a third job because of the huge time commitment. Also mentioned difficulties of fundraising.
	Jack Martinelli	E-mail on 8/3 to Roald Schrack	Too much time spent preparing for the next two-year election. Elect councilmembers on their record of service. It takes about two years for a newly elected councilperson to get up to speed on routine matters. Two-year elections are a waste of city hall personnel time and city election budgets.
	Steve Van Grack, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Feels that every two-year term are the most viable, said citizens appreciate having an opportunity to speak to the Mayor and Council every two years and elections provide that stimulus.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	Two years is probably not enough. Public officials need time to reflect on their policies and to see them put into action. Major issues don't cycle in tow years and presented examples regarding financing and issues of taxation. Said issues such as these are too complicated to handle structurally within two years.
	Bill Hansell, President of the	9/12 Meeting	Rockville has a history of incumbents running for office and winning; two-year terms can mean time and money wasted for both the City

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	International City and County Management Association		conducting elections and candidates running for office.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	With a short-term length and all members elected at large, our local government stays close to its people and with the full city in mind. Repeat for at-large and districts.
	George Northway	9/19 Testimony	Does not support four-year terms.
	Rose Krasnow	9/19 Testimony	Supports four-year term limits.
	Irwin Cohen	9/19 Testimony	Two years is good number.
	Helen Hillstrom	9/19 Testimony	Supports two-years term.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	In favor of the Mayor and Council to four-year term.
	Stan Klein, Alliance of Rockville Citizens	9/19 Testimony	In favor of four-year terms.
	Sidney Gottlieb	9/19 Testimony	In favor of two year terms.
	David Celeste	9/19 Testimony	In favor of four-year terms,
	David Seldin, King Farm Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	In favor of two-year terms.
	Martin Heilman	9/19 Testimony	In favor of two-year terms.
	Paul Newman	9/19 Testimony	In favor of two year terms.
	Ruth Hanessian	9/19 Testimony	In favor of two year terms.
	David Brenner	9/19 Testimony	In favor of two year terms.

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	Tom Sheehan	9/19 Testimony	Consider splitting between the councilmembers and the mayor, that the mayor should serve for four years and the councilmembers serve for two.
	Helen Heneghan, former City Clerk	9/26 Fax	Two-year terms have served the citizens of the City very well.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	In favor of two-year terms for the Mayor and Council.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Split vote on length of terms for Mayor and Council.
	Art Salwin	12/27 E-mail	Favor no changes in term length or lack of term limits.
Staggered Terms	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/25 Meeting	This could be a double-edged sword-there is a significant cost to the City to manage elections. Is also of the opinion that turning over a new Mayor and Council every two years might be counterproductive to staff.
	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	If the number of councilmembers were changed to seven, then it would make sense to consider staggered terms. Said that staggered terms have worked well in Gaithersburg and to look at other cities where it has been done.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Opposes staggered terms and districts. Said the political process needs to be stimulated by activity. Rockville has not removed incumbency historically. If one is incumbent, he/she has a good chance of retaining seat. You want the ability to replace policy by stimulation of the election in a political campaign.
	Phyllis Marcuccio	8/8 Meeting	Suggested that Mayor could be four years with the council terms remaining at two-years. Mr. Greene agreed with this possibility.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Believes that two-year terms should be increased to four-year terms and presented a scheme for staggering terms. He noted that the objective of the scheme is retaining the election of a majority of the Council every two years and the core mechanism that enables this the lowest vote getter only wins a two-year term. Therefore, three members of the Council would face election every two years and the winning candidate ranked with the lowest vote ranking would have to run again in the next two year election cycle.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Opposes staggering if the terms were kept at two years but said it might be an option if terms were change to four years.
	David Hill	8/22 Meeting	Wondered if one advantage to a longer term might be to increase the negotiating position of office holders if the terms were consistent with the length of terms in the County.
	David Cahoon,	8/22 Meeting	Longer terms might add to the possibility of implementation of some of

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	former City Attorney		the Mayor and Council initiatives, or City initiatives in general.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	Continuity is a very important issue at local government level where sometimes people can get elected on single issues. Professional management adds to the continuity, but overlapping terms can also add to continuity.
	Bill Hansell, President of the International City and County Management Association	9/12 Meeting	90% of cities with the City Manager form of government have some type of staggered term. Four-year terms are the standard. Feels that whatever the length of term of the Mayor and Council should be the same.
	John Moser	9/17 Letter	In favor of staggered terms.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Does not endorse staggered terms for the Mayor and Council.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	In favor of staggered terms and limits of terms be no longer that eight years for council.
	Ted Reuther	9/19 Testimony	Not in favor of the staggered term.
	Charles Haughey	9/19 Testimony	Supports an increase in the number of councilmembers to seven if considering staggered terms, so that the elections can be every two years, but for only a portion of the total council election.
	Francis Hilton	9/21 Letter	Recommends the adoption of staggered terms for the council members.
	Helen Heneghan, former City Clerk	9/26	Staggered terms would not save the City money since there would be the same number of elections.
	Robert Sahn	10/7 Letter	Favor staggered terms for the Mayor and Council.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	In favor of staggered terms for the Mayor and Council.
How to get more people to run for office	Roald Schrack	7/25 Meeting	Mr. Schrack distributed a summary that he produced for last election and said that he does this every election for his own amusement. He also distributed data on previous elections (2001, 1997) and discussed his analysis of them. He said by looking at the voter's record, he could predict the probability of a voter is for voting in an election. He said that participation in election is dependent on number of people running for election. Generally, people don't go to the polls unless there is something to fight about.

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	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/25 Meeting	Lot of people get asked to run, but do not because of the time commitment. Some people run on single issues, example of the very big issue of animal control when he was first elected.
	Helen Heneghan, former City Clerk	9/26 Fax	Convinced that there is nothing the City can do to increase the voter turnout.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	In review the results of voter turnouts varies. Provide us with a clearer picture of how well our election processes are meeting the expectations of the electorate, something the simple reporting of candidate totals and turnouts fails to do. It may encourage participation by providing one more way for voters to express themselves.
Campaigns	Jack Martinelli	E-mail 8/3 to Roald Schrack	Councilmembers should run their own campaigns from their own fund raising strategies and stop the slate “coat tailing and piggybacking”
	Steve Van Grack, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Wondered if the City should be more involved in promoting campaigns using City Publications for campaign materials and endorsements.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Opposed the involvement of the City in campaigns.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Said that the City’s role was not to participate in a campaign but rather to level the playing field. If the City got involved in publicizing candidate’s material, for example, then it might benefit some candidates more than others.
	Phyllis Marcuccio	8/22 Meeting	Mentioned other issues such as cost limitations on campaigns and the use of the City’s television channel for something similar to debates or candidate statements.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	Charter Review advice would be helpful on current concerns regarding the candidate equity and use of city resources.
	Lih Young	9/19 Testimony	Recommended that Charter Commission to look into the process of fair campaign practices.
	Irwin Cohen	9/19 Testimony	Urge very specific language of disclosure of individuals’ backgrounds and establish that they run and act independently.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Thinks the City should reduce barriers to people running; requirements that every campaign have a treasurer, and the treasurer live or work in Rockville. Contributions from corporate campaign should be banned; it should be from people rather than companies.
	Mike Menekar	9/19	Suggests that in the future we require that the candidates have television

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		Testimony	debates on channel 11 and that it should not be used for the incumbents, but should be opened to all challengers.
	Richard Berman	9/20 E-mail	Higher priority to be addressed in our election process. First feels the issue is unfair heavy bias of the Rockville election process towards incumbents and those with personal wealth (or well-funded backers).
	Al Fisher	9/25 E-mail	Set funding limits on political advertising as well as time limits on the duration of campaigns, e.g. one month. Ensure open access to the media and the public for all candidates (parades, public TV, etc.
	Thomas Curtis	9/19 Testimony	Amend Fair Campaign Practices Code of Ethic by adding the phrase “sexual orientation” to paragraph 1 to be more inclusive of all of our citizens. (Note: The Statement is no longer used)
Four-year term	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/25 Meeting	Voters were opposed to four-year term limit in 1997 because of Rockville’s strong traditional citizens legislators who may desire to serve for only a short period of time.
	Jack Martinelli	E-mail on 8/3 to Roald Shrack	Commission must take up the matter of election terms of office. He thinks that there is a consensus to have 4 year terms for the city councilmembers. He suggested surveying registered Rockville voters for feedback.
	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Strongly supports four-year term limits. Thinks that two-year terms are a waste of money and energy and very difficult for staff. For candidates, the effort to mount a campaign in addition to maintaining one’s regular job results in an overwhelming amount of work to undertake every other year.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Supports four-year terms for the Mayor and supports the strong leadership role of the Mayor.
	Walt Scheiber, former City Manager	8/8 Meeting	Supports four-year terms.
	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	8/8 Meeting	Brought up recall issues because, if the City went to four-year terms, what would happen if the voters were stuck with someone they did not want.
	David Cahoon, former City Attorney	8/8 Meeting	Officials in four-year terms have stronger negotiating powers and this keeps with the norm of the most other governments (State and County.)
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Liked the idea of two-year terms, but realized that the need to run so often might make it difficult to get candidates to run and, for that reason, four-year terms might make sense.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Would advocate no change with respect to the length of terms, primarily because he is unsure of where the electorate is on that.

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	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	Four-year terms are the norm in the nation for municipalities. There are some municipalities with three-year terms.
	John Moser	9/17 Letter	In favor of four-year term.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens	9/19 Testimony	Recommends four-year terms; judgment that the present two years is too short.
	Harry Thomas	9/19 Testimony	Agrees with four-year term.
	Charles Haughey	9/19 Testimony	Not in favor of the councilmembers term of two years.
	Ruth Hanessian	9/19 Testimony	In favor of concept of four-year mayor's position.
	Francis Hilton	9/20 Letter	Four-year terms should begin with the next regular election following the adoption. Voters in the last election were not appraised that the current council was to be four-year body and therefore their two-year term should not be extended to four without an election validating the choice.
	Al Fisher	9/25 E-mail	Set four-year terms for all offices; hold staggered elections, where 50% of Council members stand for election each time. Set term limits on all positions.
	Majorie Collins	9/25 E-mail	Believes that four years are most practical.
	Community Ministries of Rockville	9/29 Letter	Recommend lengthening terms of office to four years. It would encourage qualified leaders to run with the assurance that much could be accomplished prior to needing the run again. It would make the election all the more significant and thus attract greater interest on the part of the candidates and voters.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	Suggested four year term has decided downsides. It reduces the responsiveness to the electorate compared to the present two year term cycle. It discourages candidates by requiring the long four-year commitment.
Expanding the number of Councilmembers	Jim Marrinan, former Councilmember	7/25 Meeting	Council has not grown despite the responsibility of the times. He suggested the group seriously consider recommending an increase in the size of our Council
	Board of Supervisors of Elections	7/25 Meeting	BSE looked at the issue and they would be happy to share with the Charter commission any information they may have on issues that both groups have or will look into.

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	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Feels the number of councilmembers should be increased. Seven councilmembers may work better as the City continues to grow. The problem with enlarging the Council may be getting enough people to run.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Does not favor expanding the number of councilmembers. He thinks four councilmembers is appropriate number. Thinks expanding the Council would bring about much more work, more debate and that the effect of consensus building would take much more time.
	Kenny Reichard	8/22 Meeting	Expansion might warrant exploration inasmuch as the City is much larger and active.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Likes keeping the council at five members and is opposed to councilmanic districts.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	5 to 7 members is the norm for cities of Rockville's size and seem to be the most effective.
	Bill Hansell, President of the International City and County Management Association	9/12 Meeting	Cities of Rockville's size seven councilmember is more the norm rather than five.
	John Moser	9/17 Letter	Opposed-Leave as is.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	If the current structure of a "Weak Mayor and Council" form of government is to be retained, there is no merit in increasing the number of elected officials.
	Irwin Cohen	9/19 Testimony	Five is a workable number.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	Recommend a seven-member council, including the mayor and electing councilmembers at-large and by districts. (combination)
	Ted Reuther	9/19 Testimony	In favor of the number of members on the Mayor and Council.
	Charles Haughey	9/19 Testimony	Not in favor of expanding the number of councilmembers, five represents the City well.
	Francis Hilton	9/21 Letter	The number of council member should remain an even number and not exceed six.
	Al Fisher	9/25 E-mail	Do not increase Council size.

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	Helen Heneghan, former City Clerk	9/26 Fax	Does not support expanding the Council or electing by districts. System in place is working.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	In favor of keeping the current number of Mayor and Council members.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Not in favor of changing the number of Mayor and Council members.
Representation by Districts	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Does not support the Council by districting issue. Said that it was imperative that the entire body knew they had to keep all of Rockville's interests in mind and all worked together to accomplish. One disadvantage to developing districts is that it might potentially pit neighborhood against neighborhood. Going to district system may actually promote an antagonistic council.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Believes that the Mayor and Council should serve at-large. He believes that County's system of electing some members at-large and some by districts really lends itself to logrolling and vote trading. He said the current system suited the City, but it might make more sense to look at this system when Rockville's population is closer to 60,000.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	In terms councilmanic districts, he said that Takoma Park tried it and it actually resulted in lower voter turnout rather than the opposite.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	His opinion that a combination seems to work best. Most municipalities, if not all, vote for the Mayor at large. Ideal is to keep whole neighborhoods together and to look carefully at the way the census reflects the neighborhoods.
	Bill Hansell, President of the International City and County Management Association	9/12 Meeting	Only a small number of cities have a combination, even though it may be effective. (Mr. Borut and Mr. Hansell both mentioned that one option, which may seem a little unusual, is for the candidates to be nominated from wards but run at large.)
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	At-large representation keeps voters and elected officials focused on "greater good" issues; Rockville is too small for districts, and believes district representation would prove divisive.
	John Moser	9/18 Letter	Supports at large elections
	George Northway	9/19 Testimony	Thinks that councilmembers should speak for the whole city. Supports at-large elections.
	Rose Krasnow	9/19 Testimony	Does not support the district system and hopes that the City will stay at-large elections.

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	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Opposed to the concept of election by districts.
	Harry Thomas	9/19 Testimony	Supports districting.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	9/19 Testimony	Believes that the City has been served very well by at-large elections.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Opposes to council by districts; every candidate and every councilmember should respond to everyone in Rockville.
	David Celeste	9/19 Testimony	Strongly against the election by districts. The at-large system works and it's nice to have all the elected officials accountable to all the citizens.
	Charles Haughey	9/19 Testimony	In favor of council by districts, so they are representative of particular area, they have to carry out their work in a way that convinces all the people of the city they are representing us all.
	David Seldin, King Farm Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	In favor of districting.
	Stan Klein	9/19 Testimony	Not in favor of district voting.
	Paul Newman	9/19 Testimony	Opposes councilmanic districting.
	Francis Hilton	9/21 Letter	Councilmanic districts have more disadvantages than advantages for the electorate.
	Jack Martinelli	9/22 Letter	Scrap the existing At-Large city council election process and re-charter council member elections by wards.
	Mansfield Kaseman, Community Ministries of Rockville	9/27 Letter	Thinks moving from at-large elections to districts would be costly mistake. It would increase parochialism, encourage competition and expand special interest politics. At-large elections have kept all candidates focused on the city as a whole and their subsequent actions have as a rule served all neighborhoods well.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	Expects elected officials to make decisions after due consideration of both local and citywide impacts. Every member of the governing body should be held accountable for his/her actions by every citizen. There is no demonstrated need for this change.

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	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	In favor of councilmanic districts.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Not in favor of changing to councilmanic districts vs. present at-large elections.
	Lora Meisner	12/02 E-mail	Agrees that having a district council representative system works better and more closely emulates a representative democracy. Strongly suggest that the new Charter have a district representation with regard to the council members.
Moving the actual day of election	Dave Celeste	7/25 Meeting	Weekend voting is problematic in that securing the voting machines over weekends would create a security risk and is not cost effective.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Not in favor of changing the voting day. Reiterated that it is the issue that gets the people out, not the day of the week.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	In terms of weekend/alternative election dates, said that anything that drums up more participation (including electronic and mail in voting) might be worth a try.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Look at the broader picture using other options first, such as expanding the use of the absentee ballot process.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Having the City elections in off years helps to keep the partisan aspect out of it.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	8/12 Meeting	Said that if you really want to increase voter turnout, make Rockville election coincide with general elections. It strengthens the capacity of local government. Voting by mail might also be something to consider. He also said that evidence suggested that weekend elections are not that successful.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	Keep first Tuesday in November voting; consistency is vital (among and within jurisdictions) and anyone who cannot vote at that time can use an absentee ballot.
	John Moser	9/18 Letter	Opposes weekend voting and alternative days/times for voting
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Citizens	9/19 Testimony	No merit in a change to weekend voting and they are opposed to alternative days and times for voting. But thinks that coordinating with the general election is a good idea.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Thinks moving our election to coincide with the state, county and federal elections would be a mistake.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	Favors weekend elections, alternative days and times, and being able to vote by computer. In favor of changing to Saturday or Sunday and feels

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			that this would be available to volunteer and work elections. Also in favor of city elections being held the same time and general elections and having the same polling place.
	Sidney Gottlieb	9/19 Testimony	In favor of the City of Rockville vote on the same day as the general election in November.
	David Celeste	9/19 Testimony	In favor of the City voting on the same day as the general elections, but in terms of the general elections, every two years, state not presidential elections.
	David Seldin, King Farm Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Not in favor of changing the election, thinks that keeping city elections separate from other elections is really vital.
	Stan Klein	9/19 Testimony	Consider recognizing electoral process without violating religious principles. (Example: an observant Jew would not be able to vote on Saturday)
	Paul Newman	9/19 Testimony	Opposes weekend elections.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	In favor of weekend elections and alternative days and times of voting.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Not in favor of weekend elections or alternative days and times of voting.
	Art Salwin	12/27 E-mail	In favor of changing the election to coincide with the Federal/state elections.
Voting for non-citizens	Brigitta Mullican	E-mail on 7/29 to Roald Schrack	Aliens that become U.S. citizens usually are more responsible citizens. Doesn't believe aliens should be able to vote in the city election.
	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Does not support alien voting and that while one could make good case for why these individuals should be allowed to vote, one of the privileges of citizenship is the right to vote. In her opinion, that should remain sacrosanct.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Does not support this. In his opinion, citizenship is key.
	Claire Funkhouser, City Clerk	8/8 Meeting	Reported that she had heard back from the cities of Nogales, Arizona, El Paso, Texas, and San Diego, California, which are located in border areas of the US. None allow resident aliens to vote. In Maryland, Garrett Park and Martin's Addition do allow it, primarily because of the large number of residents in these areas that work for embassies or the World Bank who

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			may only live in the municipality for a short time. Citizenship is therefore not an issue; it is seen as more of an issue related to property rights.
	Henry Quintero	8/12 Memo	Supports granting non-citizens the right to vote in local elections.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Opposes this, stating that voting is one of the rights for citizenship and resident aliens should not be allowed to vote.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Opposed to voting right for resident aliens.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	He would defer and really did not have an opinion about this issue.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	Vehemently opposed to resident alien voting. Voting is not a privilege of residency but a right of citizenship. The city has outreach programs in a multiplicity of languages for those who chose to become citizens.
	John Moser	9/18 Letter	Vehemently opposed
	Ed Crockett	9/18 E-mail	Voting is a cherished privilege reserved for citizens of this country.
	George Northway	9/19 Testimony	Does not support giving the vote to non-citizens.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Opposed to this proposal of voting privileges for resident alien citizens in Rockville. Commitment of citizenship, not residence, is the appropriate criteria for the franchise of voting.
	Harry Thomas	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Helen Hillstrom	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens. "Alien citizens" is a contradictory statement. You're a citizen, or you're an alien, but you're not alien citizen.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Supports granting non-citizens and felons that have done their time and paid their debt to society the right to vote.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Sidney Gottlieb	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	David Celeste	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Karen Morgan	9/19	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.

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	Kavita Dawson	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Paul Newman	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Ruth Hanessian	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	David Brenner	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Tom Sheehan	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	William Flury	9/19 E-mail	Appalled at the consideration of allowing non-citizens to vote in Rockville elections. The vote is one of our most precious assets and with it come many responsibilities, jury duty, taxes, military service and other citizen responsibilities.
	Thomas Buck	9/19 Fax	This sounds like another case of chipping away at traditional values. Said to consider that other immigrants, including our ancestors, struggled to achieve citizenship felt proud of their accomplishments in their new country, and then exercised their rights as citizens.
	Martha Zanger	9/19 E-mail	The greatest benefit to being a U.S. citizen is that I can vote for the people I want to represent my interests and me. Please vote "NO" to allowing non-citizens the vote in this City.
	Andrew Martin	9/19 Testimony	In favor of voting privileges for resident aliens and submitted internet document regarding the Eligibility Rules on voting rights and becoming a citizen.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Agrees with those who say that you must be a U.S. citizen to vote on our national leadership.
	Thomas Curtis	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	George Northway	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Rose Krasnow	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Tom Curtis	9/19	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.

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	Lillian Cruz, President of the Hispanic Democratic Club of Montgomery County	9/19 Testimony	In favor of non-citizens voting in Rockville municipal elections.
	Anna Sol Gutierrez, Treasurer of the Hispanic Democratic Club of Montgomery County	9/19 Testimony	In favor of non-citizen voting in Rockville municipal elections, feels it would promote a much higher increased participation of residents.
	Dorothy Wright	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Eric Dansker	9/19 Testimony	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Richard Berman	9/20 E-mail	It's a bad idea to give non-citizen aliens the right to vote in Rockville City elections. Citizenship in the U.S. has the following requirements: a period of continuous residence and physical presence in the US; ability to read, write and speak English; good moral character; attachment to the principles of the U.S. and favorable disposition toward the U.S.
	Francis Hilton	9/21 Letter	Does not support enfranchising non-citizens. Voting and jury duty are two of the few instances where citizens renew their faith in our form of government. Believes that exclusive group, naturalized citizens, and should be the only new resident group to be afforded this privilege.
	Eric Dansker, Letter to Editor	9/23 Journal Article	Does not think allowing legal aliens to vote is good idea.
	Ann Butts	9/21 E-mail to Councilmemb er Anne Robbins	Thinks you should work on people, who want to stay here in Rockville to become an American Citizen, then they can vote and pay taxes like the rest of us.
	Patricia Spevak	9/23 E-mail	Opposes to giving voting rights to resident aliens. Believes that it will further segregate individuals and communities in that it will give these resident aliens even less incentive to assimilate and become a cohesive part of the community.
	Lucinda Hall	9/24 E-mail	Oppose a change to the Rockville City Charter that would allow resident

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			alien citizens of Rockville the right to vote in City elections. Voting is privilege and should be reserved at the Federal, State and local level for those individuals who are willing to make a commitment to honor and pledge allegiance to this country.
	Mary Cottone	9/24 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Alan Shapiro	9/24 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Al Fisher	9/25 E-mail	Supports voting rights for resident aliens.
	Audrey Beck	9/25 E-mail	Strongly against the proposal to grant voting privileges to non-citizens.
	Majorie Collins	9/25 Comment	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Helen Heneghan, former City Clerk	9/26 Fax	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Caroline Levine	9/26 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	JoAnne Riley Barron	9/26 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Timothy Brand	9/26 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	John Raniowski	9/26 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Leoma Kruzic	9/27 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Joan Bozzonetti	9/27 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Mary Ryan	9/27 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Viola Schneider Vera O'Dell Georgene Muccioli	9/27 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Federation for American Immigration Reform	9/27 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens. Enfranchising thousands of non-citizens means a dilution in the voting strength of citizen voting bloc. Non-citizen retains a foreign citizenship and allegiance, and exercises the prerogatives of foreign citizenship. Providing the rights of citizenship to aliens discourages them from becoming citizens when they are eligible to do so. Historical evidence suggests that if aliens are accorded the rights and benefits of citizens, the incentive to naturalize disappears.
	Patricia Campbell	9/29 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Richard Clough	10/01 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Jeanette Coppa	10/01 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.

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	Concerned third generation U.S. Citizen	10/3 Letter	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Orville Hinz	10/4 E-mail	Opposes voting rights for resident aliens.
	Karen Clough	10/5 E-mail	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Martin Trusty	10/14 Letter	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Patricia Woodward	10/28 Citizens Forum	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Joe Zetts	10/28 Citizens Forum	Opposes voting rights to resident aliens.
	Carol Hannaford	12/16 E-mail	Supports voting rights to resident aliens.
Full-time Mayor	Jack Martinelli	E-mail on 8/3 to Roald Schrack	In favor of full time Mayor. The City population continues to grow within the permanent city limits. Mayor Giammo's agendas have shown the mayor's responsibilities require full time energy.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	He would like to see the Mayor full-time in a longer term, separating the Mayor from the role of the Council.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Full-time vs. part-time Mayor and Councilmembers. Might be beneficial to look at this but opposes the idea of combination of full-time Mayor with part-time council.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Mayor potentially as an elected City Executive or similar function. "Strong Mayor (executive) and Council" (legislative). Options: effectively strengthen the role of the elected in municipal leadership and in the management of our increasingly complex municipal government; and give the electorate a much stronger sense of the importance of and stimulate their participation in municipal government including both voting turnout and Boards and Commissions.
	Harry Thomas	9/19 Testimony	Supports a full-time Mayor.
	Helen Hillstrom	9/19 Testimony	Supports a full-time Mayor.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19	Does not believe we need a full-time Mayor.

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	Ted Reuther	9/19 Testimony	Consider the concept of government involving a full-time Mayor and strong mayor council government.
	Mike Menekar	9/19 Testimony	In favor of a full-time Mayor and should be the highest paid officer.
	Joseph Bradley	9/21 Letter	Would like to see another public forum on the issue before voting on the matter.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	Presently the City is governed by the Mayor and Council seated in public session, their decision being implemented by a professional manager. The establishment of a full time mayor would fundamentally alter this arrangement.
Charter Review Every Ten Years	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Idea of a having the Charter reviewed every ten years would probably make sense.
	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	He said that when looking at something as important as the Charter, the Commission's challenge is to look at what the municipality is trying to address; to be cognizant of Rockville's national reputation as a leader in the governance of the cities; to be aware of what the issue of engagement, structure and form that the Charter needs to address.
	Eileen McGuckian	9/17 E-mail	Is the current cycle of charter review every 10 years? Is that broke?
	John Moser	9/18 Letter	Supports mandatory 10 year Charter Review
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Endorses mandatory Charter review every ten years.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Charter review should be about equipping the city to deal with the challenges of the future.
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	In favor of mandatory charter review.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	Believes that the present charter has served well. It should not be altered without a careful analysis of both intended and unintended consequences.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	Agrees in a mandatory charter review every ten years.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Equal vote for mandatory charter review every ten years.
Ballot Referenda	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	She understood that to amend the Charter you need signatures of 20% of registered voters and for advisory referenda, you need 10%. She said the

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			City Attorney would tell us to what extent the City could amend that Charter Amendments.
	David Cahoon	8/8 Meeting	What are not mandatory (as seen in statutes of the City) are advisory resolutions going on the ballot. Brief discussion ensued on how the Mayor and Council place items on ballot for advisory referenda on topics that are more in the nature of charter amendments. Judge said that there must be some history on this but it remains a mystery.
	Rose Krasnow, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Overall idea in requiring significant number of signatures is so that frivolous matters won't appear on the ballot. The process should remain fairly stringent and it should take a lot of work and effort to get a question on the ballot. Ms. Krasnow said that during her tenure, advisory referenda although approved by the voters, was not acted upon the Mayor and Council because of the very close margin.
	Alex Greene, former Mayor	8/8 Meeting	Agrees with keeping the criteria for ballot referenda strict. This presents silly questions appearing on the ballot.
	Walt Scheiber, former City Manager	8/8 Meeting	Does not believe this should change. Said that there is a provision for that currently in the Charter. If the citizens wish to initiate a petition, they can.
	Robert Pittman	8/8 Meeting	Asked about changing the number of signatures required for a referendum because we require more signatures than we actually have had voters in recent elections.
	Steve Van Grack, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Feels not many changes to the City's election laws are necessary, with the possible exception of binding referendum. Mayor and Council might actually want to poll the City on the type of referendum that might be binding.
	Jim Coyle, former Mayor	8/22 Meeting	Binding referenda seems to be reflective of governments in crisis, which is definitely not the case with Rockville.
	Glennon Harrison, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	Not in favor of binding referenda.
	Bob Wright, former Councilmember	8/22 Meeting	City should be consistent with state law as to how something can be put forward on ballot referenda.
	Bill Hansell, President of the International City and County Management	9/12 Meeting	64% of municipalities provide for some form of initiative for referendum.

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	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	He has some difficulty with a fully open referenda process. He gave the example of California that had opened up the referenda process to be binding and that several initiatives have passed that have restricted the fiduciary responsibility of government.
	John Moser	9/18 Letter	Methods of referenda generation to be accepted by Mayor and Council should require signatures from 10% of all registered voters.
	Rose Krasnow	9/19 Testimony	Agrees that referenda structure is good as it is currently set up and that it's somewhat difficult, but certainly a possible to get an item on the ballot, but urges to make the referenda binding.
	Ted Reuther, College Gardens Civic Association	9/19 Testimony	Firmly opposed to governance by referenda except in the case of the most fundamental of governing tools such as the establishment and amendment to a municipal corporate charter as provide in Maryland State Law.
	Carl Henn	9/19 Testimony	Supports the current ballot referenda in the charter. Suggested setting the percentage of signature to a percent of those who vote rather than who are registered, to make this process more accessible
	Brigitta Mullican	9/19 Testimony	In favor of citizens having the ability to have a binding referendum, the number of signatures should be an appropriate percentage of the past voter turnout.
	Stan Klein, Alliance of Rockville Citizens	9/19 Testimony	Thinks that the City might want to go to mandatory petition to referendum or even introduce the idea of recall and going back to the separate city registration.
	Sidney Gottlieb	9/19 Testimony	Disagrees on the binding Mayor and Council referendum.
	David Celeste	9/19 Testimony	Agrees that the referenda should be advisory.
	Francis Hilton	9/21 Letter	Recommends the implementation of a referendum process. The referenda need not be binding to serve as vehicles to provide the mayor and council the will of the voters during the course of their four-year term.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	Does not favor the method of bind referendum and the method by which referenda can be generated by citizens.
	Alliance of Rockville Citizens	10/8 Poll Letter	Does not consider the modify way in which the referenda can be initiated by citizens and considers making referenda binding on Mayor and Council.

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Voter Participation	Don Borut, Executive Director of National League of Cities	9/12 Meeting	We have representative democracy and the nexus is how to promote engagement and allow people to be heard without causing gridlock. Suggested thinking about what kind of hearing opportunities and listening opportunities there are for citizens and for the elected officials.
	Tom Curtis	919 Testimony	We need to hold elections at time that is conducive to voting and the convenient to voter of the 21 st century and not the 18 th century.
	Stan Klein	9/19 Testimony	Believes that anybody who wants to register to vote for the City of Rockville, should be required to take citizenship test and see if they pass.
	James Salerno	9/30 Letter	Citizen election participation should be open, convenient and easily performed.
	Robert Saah	10/7 Letter	Feels you need to make voting easier and have the same voting polls for all elections and City elections should be held the same time as the general elections.